



Reference No. 6.27

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, JANUARY 1975

MAIN FEATURES

In January 1975 there were 158 industrial disputes involving 29,900 employees and resulting in the loss of 36,900 working days.

The level of industrial disputes is generally lower in December and January than in other months; however the number of working days lost in January 1975 was the lowest for any month since June 1969, when 35,500 working days were lost.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes for the month of January 1975 and some previous periods. More information about these disputes will appear later in the detailed quarterly bulletin *Industrial Disputes* (Reference No. 6.6).

2. The statistics of industrial disputes are compiled according to the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), described in the Bureau publication *Australian Standard Industrial Classification (Preliminary Edition)*, 1969, Vol. 1. Statistics on this basis for the years 1968 to 1972 are published in *Labour Report* No. 57, 1972 (Reference No. 6.7) and the March quarter 1973 bulletin (Reference No. 6.6).

3. The statistics of industrial disputes refer only to disputes involving stoppages of work of ten man-days or more. Workers involved include workers directly and indirectly involved in disputes. Workers indirectly involved are employees thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not

themselves parties to the dispute. Particulars of some stoppages (e.g. those involving a large number of establishments) may be estimated and the statistics therefore should be regarded as giving a broad measure of the extent of stoppages of work (as defined).

4. Stoppages of work occurring at different times and at different establishments but due to the same cause may be regarded as one industrial dispute. However, an industrial dispute occurring in more than one State is counted as a separate dispute in each State. A dispute involving workers in more than one industry in a State or Territory is counted only once in the number of disputes – in the industry that has the largest number of workers involved; but workers involved, working days lost and estimated loss in wages are allocated to their respective industries. Disputes not settled at the end of a year are included as new disputes in the figures for the following year. The monthly statistics refer to all disputes operative in the month, including those disputes that commenced in previous months. In Table 1 details of the number of disputes and workers involved are shown separately for disputes beginning in the month and for all disputes. Average days lost per worker involved on a monthly basis are not comparable with the yearly averages, because workers involved are included in each month in which they are involved in disputes, while they are counted once only for each dispute in the annual figures. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

5. For statistics of industrial disputes for earlier periods see *Labour Report* No. 57, 1972 (Reference No. 6.7).

TABLE 1. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of disputes		Workers involved ('000)		Working days lost		Estimated loss in wages (a) (\$'000)
	Beginning in month	Total (a)	Beginning in month	Total (a)	Number (a) ('000)	Average days per worker involved (b)	
1969	..	2,014	..	1,285.2	1,958.0	1.5	22,985.7
1970	..	2,738	..	1,367.4	2,393.7	1.8	30,883.3
1971	..	2,404	..	1,326.5	3,068.6	2.3	45,241.3
1972	..	2,298	..	1,113.8	2,010.3	1.8	32,074.4
1973	..	2,538	..	803.0	2,634.7	3.3	45,206.5
1974	..	2,809	..	2,004.8	6,292.5	3.1	128,301.8
1974 -							
January	192	192	41.0	41.0	53.6	1.3	897.8
February	261	281	407.8	414.4	418.1	1.0	7,704.7
March	274	323	144.0	492.1	2,011.3	4.1	36,646.2
April	210	239	248.2	607.8	936.1	1.5	18,170.9
May	306	356	172.6	317.5	559.6	1.8	11,672.3
June	241	277	92.8	98.0	235.1	2.4	4,944.2
July	308	336	216.0	227.6	526.2	2.3	11,792.7
August	232	299	227.5	314.1	816.3	2.6	18,124.7
September	237	268	176.5	189.5	255.1	1.3	6,371.9
October	226	245	145.9	179.5	238.6	1.3	5,792.7
November	196	216	72.7	75.4	161.8	2.1	3,734.2
December	126	139	60.0	63.4	80.5	1.3	2,449.5
1975 -							
January (c)	158	158	29.9	29.9	36.9	1.2	953.6

(a) Refers to all disputes operative and workers involved in the period - see paragraph 4, page 1. (b) Monthly figures are not comparable with yearly figures - see paragraph 4, page 1. (c) Subject to revision.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRIES (a), AUSTRALIA
WORKING DAYS LOST ('000) (b)

Period	Manufacturing					Transport and storage; communication			
	Mining		Metal products, machinery and equipment (c)	Other	Construction	Stevedoring services	Other	Other industries	All industries
	Coal	Other							
1969	76.1	76.9	643.6	267.1	264.4	136.2	286.4	207.3	1,958.0
1970	178.4	76.5	625.9	440.9	618.3	148.3	156.7	148.8	2,393.7
1971	251.6	83.2	636.7	317.7	1,109.5	73.9	300.1	295.9	3,068.6
1972	60.8	62.0	620.2	393.7	407.8	39.2	205.2	221.3	2,010.3
1973	87.5	155.3	800.8	661.4	439.3	49.5	93.2	347.6	2,634.7
1974	163.0	146.5	2,850.8	756.7	1,188.7	111.1	516.2	559.4	6,292.5
1974 -									
January	1.1	7.5	13.1	3.0	5.2	9.3	3.3	11.2	53.6
February	12.2	10.0	302.5	27.5	34.5	6.5	1.6	23.3	418.1
March	52.5	6.0	1,749.7	66.5	98.1	9.3	5.1	24.1	2,011.3
April	28.1	5.4	356.4	23.5	422.0	39.5	4.3	56.9	936.1
May	4.6	31.5	108.4	36.5	229.2	7.3	21.1	120.9	559.6
June	2.1	3.5	36.0	69.9	31.4	8.0	48.3	35.9	235.1
July	8.0	8.5	45.9	203.3	128.4	5.3	64.5	62.2	526.2
August	7.5	14.0	138.9	208.3	81.9	3.1	306.8	55.7	816.3
September	3.2	23.1	30.2	50.1	47.0	6.8	10.6	84.2	255.1
October	4.6	18.9	41.7	48.4	68.7	7.1	13.2	36.0	238.6
November	31.3	11.3	25.5	15.7	12.7	7.5	21.8	35.9	161.8
December	7.7	6.9	2.5	3.9	29.5	1.5	15.5	13.0	80.5
1975 -									
January (d)	2.2	4.0	6.2	7.1	2.9	4.7	1.6	8.2	36.9

(a) Australian Standard Industrial Classification - see paragraph 2, page 1. (b) Refers to all disputes operative in the period - see paragraph 4, page 1. (c) Includes ASIC sub-divisions 29, 31, 32, 33. (d) Subject to revision.

TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : STATES
WORKING DAYS LOST ('000) (a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
1969	743.8	717.2	238.6	129.0	101.4	9.9	1,958.0
1970	1,393.6	510.8	179.2	93.1	141.1	32.2	2,393.7
1971	1,887.5	689.6	271.4	111.2	69.4	20.6	3,068.6
1972	866.8	638.4	292.2	60.9	94.6	19.2	2,010.3
1973	1,098.1	780.5	320.2	130.6	117.3	140.1	2,634.7
1974	2,665.0	2,386.6	529.5	316.5	256.9	88.5	6,292.5
1973 -							
January	32.8	11.2	4.1	2.6	7.9	19.1	82.1
February	87.0	86.6	16.7	14.7	7.7	33.5	248.4
March	110.0	47.4	18.8	15.2	10.2	28.5	231.7
April	42.9	92.8	18.2	5.7	11.7	9.5	192.0
May	125.6	94.2	56.2	7.9	7.2	12.4	304.3
June	158.5	91.1	75.6	3.0	8.7	18.8	363.7
July	90.8	102.0	17.1	4.2	9.2	1.6	225.0
August	113.0	33.7	42.8	7.1	15.7	2.5	218.6
September	91.2	83.2	25.1	6.8	4.3	0.2	215.9
October	110.3	87.3	14.9	15.3	12.9	1.8	245.2
November	125.2	44.6	27.4	23.3	21.0	8.5	257.9
December	10.8	6.5	3.4	24.7	0.8	3.6	49.8
1974 -							
January	30.9	7.5	6.4	1.3	5.9	0.2	53.6
February	253.4	125.7	13.2	16.1	5.0	1.1	418.1
March	1,063.1	728.0	45.8	99.1	8.6	54.1	2,011.3
April	351.4	454.8	67.2	37.2	16.8	5.2	936.1
May	252.0	189.1	44.3	52.2	11.4	4.4	559.6
June	108.7	94.4	7.3	7.4	12.1	3.0	235.1
July	117.3	214.7	136.2	37.8	11.8	4.6	526.2
August	215.0	400.2	127.7	34.6	28.9	1.5	816.3
September	116.7	73.9	25.2	18.4	17.7	1.4	255.1
October	46.3	49.2	19.7	6.3	105.5	11.3	238.6
November	69.0	31.5	27.2	5.2	25.3	1.4	161.8
December	41.3	17.6	9.4	1.0	7.9	0.1	80.5
1975 -							
January (c)	15.1	7.5	7.1	3.1	4.0	0.1	36.9

(a) Refers to all disputes operative in the period - see paragraph 4, page 1. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Subject to revision.

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TABLE I - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: AUSTRALIA

TABLE 2 - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: STATE

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Number of disputes

WORKING DAYS LOST (000) (a)

Working days lost

Period	Year (b)	Reporting period	A.W.	Number of disputes	000	000	Number of working days lost	A.W.	Average days lost per worker involved (c)	Period
1969	1969	1969	1969	1,011	0.051	0.825	0.825	0.825	1969	
1970	1969/70	1969/70	1969/70	1,111	1.00	1,071	1,071	1,071	1970	
1971	1970/71	1970/71	1970/71	1,083	0.93	0.771	0.771	0.771	1971	
1972	1970/72	1970/72	1970/72	1,013	0.08	0.128	0.128	0.128	1972	
1973	1970/73	1970/73	1970/73	1,111	0.08	0.055	0.055	0.055	1973	
1974	1970/74	1970/74	1970/74	1,083	0.08	0.052	0.052	0.052	1974	
January		1974	1974	197	197	41.0	41.0	41.0	1974	
February	1974	1974	1974	1,011	0.5	407.8	1,414	1,414	1974	
March	1974	1974	1974	1,111	0.5	444.0	1,414	1,414	1974	
April	1974	1974	1974	1,083	0.5	388.2	8.81	8.81	1974	
May	1974	1974	1974	1,083	0.5	375.6	317.5	317.5	1974	
June	1974	1974	1974	1,111	0.5	328.8	216.0	216.0	1974	
July	1974	1974	1974	1,111	0.5	327.5	227.5	227.5	1974	
August	1974	1974	1974	1,083	0.5	327.5	216.0	216.0	1974	
September	1974	1974	1974	1,083	0.5	327.5	1,071	1,071	1974	
October	1974	1974	1974	1,111	0.5	345.9	1,071	1,071	1974	
November	1974	1974	1974	1,111	0.5	327.7	8.81	8.81	1974	
December	1974	1974	1974	1,083	0.5	327.7	8.81	8.81	1974	
1975	1974/75	1974/75	1974/75	81	0.5	6.21	0.42	0.42	1975	
January	1975	1975	1975	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1975	
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Period	Year (b)	Reporting period	A.W.	Number of disputes	000	000	Number of working days lost	A.W.	Average days lost per worker involved (c)	Period
1974	1974	1974	1974	1,111	0.5	1,071	1,071	1,071	1974	
1975	1974/75	1974/75	1974/75	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1975	
1976	1975/76	1975/76	1975/76	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1976	
1977	1975/77	1975/77	1975/77	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1977	
1978	1975/78	1975/78	1975/78	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1978	
1979	1975/79	1975/79	1975/79	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1979	
1980	1975/80	1975/80	1975/80	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1980	
1981	1975/81	1975/81	1975/81	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1981	
1982	1975/82	1975/82	1975/82	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1982	
1983	1975/83	1975/83	1975/83	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1983	
1984	1975/84	1975/84	1975/84	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1984	
1985	1975/85	1975/85	1975/85	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1985	
1986	1975/86	1975/86	1975/86	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1986	
1987	1975/87	1975/87	1975/87	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1987	
1988	1975/88	1975/88	1975/88	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1988	
1989	1975/89	1975/89	1975/89	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1989	
1990	1975/90	1975/90	1975/90	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1990	
1991	1975/91	1975/91	1975/91	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1991	
1992	1975/92	1975/92	1975/92	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1992	
1993	1975/93	1975/93	1975/93	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1993	
1994	1975/94	1975/94	1975/94	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1994	
1995	1975/95	1975/95	1975/95	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1995	
1996	1975/96	1975/96	1975/96	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1996	
1997	1975/97	1975/97	1975/97	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1997	
1998	1975/98	1975/98	1975/98	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1998	
1999	1975/99	1975/99	1975/99	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	1999	
2000	1975/00	1975/00	1975/00	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2000	
2001	1975/01	1975/01	1975/01	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2001	
2002	1975/02	1975/02	1975/02	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2002	
2003	1975/03	1975/03	1975/03	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2003	
2004	1975/04	1975/04	1975/04	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2004	
2005	1975/05	1975/05	1975/05	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2005	
2006	1975/06	1975/06	1975/06	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2006	
2007	1975/07	1975/07	1975/07	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2007	
2008	1975/08	1975/08	1975/08	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2008	
2009	1975/09	1975/09	1975/09	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2009	
2010	1975/10	1975/10	1975/10	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2010	
2011	1975/11	1975/11	1975/11	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2011	
2012	1975/12	1975/12	1975/12	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2012	
2013	1975/13	1975/13	1975/13	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2013	
2014	1975/14	1975/14	1975/14	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2014	
2015	1975/15	1975/15	1975/15	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2015	
2016	1975/16	1975/16	1975/16	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2016	
2017	1975/17	1975/17	1975/17	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2017	
2018	1975/18	1975/18	1975/18	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2018	
2019	1975/19	1975/19	1975/19	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2019	
2020	1975/20	1975/20	1975/20	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2020	
2021	1975/21	1975/21	1975/21	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2021	
2022	1975/22	1975/22	1975/22	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2022	
2023	1975/23	1975/23	1975/23	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2023	
2024	1975/24	1975/24	1975/24	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2024	
2025	1975/25	1975/25	1975/25	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2025	
2026	1975/26	1975/26	1975/26	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2026	
2027	1975/27	1975/27	1975/27	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2027	
2028	1975/28	1975/28	1975/28	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2028	
2029	1975/29	1975/29	1975/29	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2029	
2030	1975/30	1975/30	1975/30	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2030	
2031	1975/31	1975/31	1975/31	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2031	
2032	1975/32	1975/32	1975/32	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2032	
2033	1975/33	1975/33	1975/33	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2033	
2034	1975/34	1975/34	1975/34	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2034	
2035	1975/35	1975/35	1975/35	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2035	
2036	1975/36	1975/36	1975/36	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2036	
2037	1975/37	1975/37	1975/37	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2037	
2038	1975/38	1975/38	1975/38	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2038	
2039	1975/39	1975/39	1975/39	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2039	
2040	1975/40	1975/40	1975/40	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2040	
2041	1975/41	1975/41	1975/41	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2041	
2042	1975/42	1975/42	1975/42	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2042	
2043	1975/43	1975/43	1975/43	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2043	
2044	1975/44	1975/44	1975/44	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2044	
2045	1975/45	1975/45	1975/45	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2045	
2046	1975/46	1975/46	1975/46	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2046	
2047	1975/47	1975/47	1975/47	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2047	
2048	1975/48	1975/48	1975/48	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2048	
2049	1975/49	1975/49	1975/49	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2049	
2050	1975/50	1975/50	1975/50	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2050	
2051	1975/51	1975/51	1975/51	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2051	
2052	1975/52	1975/52	1975/52	82	0.5	15.8	0.45	0.45	2052	
2053	1975/53	1975/53	1975/53	8						